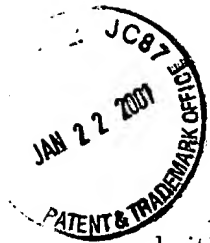


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INVENTORS' DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR PROVIDING ONLINE SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR FORWARDING TO IDENTIFIED VENDORS**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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